

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met March 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Adams County Service Complex. Present were Commissioners: Stan Stoppenhagen, Steve Kuhn, and Rex Moore, Auditor Tony Mellencamp, HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, and County Attorney, Mark Burry.

**IN RE:** MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and seconded by Steve Kuhn, for approval by the County Board of Commissioners' Minutes for March 22, 2022. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** AUDITOR REPORT

**Payroll Claims**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Payroll claims for March 18, in the amount of \$333,585.93. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims**

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$997,985.64. Motion Carried.

**Allied Weekly Claims**

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the Allied Weekly claims in the amount of \$142,037.12. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** BUILDING AND PLANNING

Director Mark Wynn, had nothing to report

**IN RE:** HIGHWAY

Adams County Highway Department Superintendent, and acting Engineer, Brad Yoder, presented the top 5 bridge repairs or replacements following bridge inspections. The top five include: B-05 CR600E/ north of CR100N (superstructure replacement); B-27 Piqua Rd. between CR800N and CR850N (total replacement); B-47 Piqua Rd. south of CR550N (superstructure replacement); B-48 CR 550 northeast of Piqua Rd. (total replacement); B-93 Van Buren St. north of Monroe (total replacement). Engineering will need to be done on them prior to any work.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the Highway Department to seek quotes on engineering for the bridge projects. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve I&M to replace a utility pole in Preble Township. Motion Carried.

Yoder sought permission to seek bids on riprap (stone) in the water at the bottom of three bridges to be replaced as is required by statute.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore for Yoder to seek bids on the riprap repair work on the three bridges. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the signing of The Indiana Department of Transportation of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance. Motion Carried.

Yoder noted taxpayers wanting dust control can call 692-6222. This ends on May 13.

**IN RE** BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Rick Burkhalter, Building and Grounds Director, brought before the Commissioners a claim to be paid to Don Myers for several items and work completed, including repair of a coil in Circuit Court.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve payment to Don Myers of Berne a claim in the amount of \$6,730.00 out of fund 1138. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** HR COORDINATOR

HR Coordinator, Shannon Greene, reported that a job has been posted for a jail dispatcher after the resignation of an employee.

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to hire a replacement in the jail dispatch in the Sheriff's Department. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the retiree insurance in the amount of \$776.80 per month. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve the posting of a jail position after the resignation of a jailer at the Sheriff's Department. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner attorney, Mark Burry, noted that the Plan Commission recommended 1320 feet setback from residential as it involves the distance from an intensive livestock operation. This means the Commissioners can agree or amend and send back with a different setback. The Plan Commission rejected 800 feet which the Commissioners had sought. This setback would be from a confined feeding operation from a school. Several residents spoke on this issue. They noted that it regarded an entity that wanted to construct a school near an intensive livestock operation. They feel the current setback of 3,000 feet is correct and that the law should not be changed. Building and Planning Director, Mark Wynn, also spoke to the topic, which was tabled to give further consideration. It will be placed on the agenda for April 19. Those present and stating their opposition to changing the setback from the current 3,000 feet were Charlie Brune, Jean Porter Brune, and Mike Webb.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve and sign the reciprocal agreement for use of an easement off US 33 with I&M. Motion Carried

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore for Chairman of the Commissioners to sign the stop/loss agreement with Gerber Life Insurance Company, that has already been approved. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve signing the insurance plan book for the insurance carriers which is already in effect but just needs signatures. Motion Carried.

**IN RE:** OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY PRESENTED

Upon a motion by Steve Kuhn and second by Rex Moore to approve the five vote center locations for the upcoming Primary Election, which are Bridge Community Church, Decatur; K of C Hall, Decatur; Monroe Fire Station; First Missionary Church, Berne; First United Methodist Church, Geneva. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Ed Dyer, noted his office is gearing up for the upcoming tax season. He also noted that the updating of the county website may take until November. The plan is to see what upgrading can be done to the current website before spending money on a new version.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve Data Pitstop to be the data base provider for taxpayers to view and print tax bills used in conjunction with the X-Soft Tax software. Motion Carried.

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to approve two new residents into Golden Meadows Home. This would make a total of 25 residents. Motion Carried.

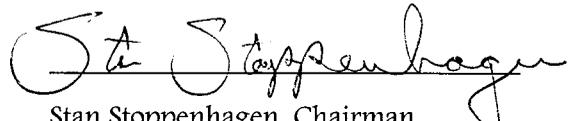
**IN RE:** ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Rex Moore and second by Steve Kuhn to adjourn. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:   
Tony Mellencamp, Auditor of Adams County

  
Steve Kuhn, Commissioner

  
Rex Moore, Commissioners

  
Stan Stoppenhagen, Chairman